

Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

RHS Homecoming!

The Homecoming Week celebration at Romulus High School will reach its peak on Friday, October 4, with the annual Homecoming Parade and Game. For times and locations, please see the advertisement on page 10.

RHS Students Seek Health Tips, Recipes

Second-year health-occupations students at Romulus High School are asking local residents to submit health tips and/or recipes for their first annual cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the book will support their academic club, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

Submissions should include the following information:

- your name, address, and phone number; and
- your recipe (including its name and preparation instructions) or health tip.

All entries must be submitted by October 31, 2002, to:

Mrs. Terri Brinston
c/o Romulus High School
9650 S. Wayne Rd.
Romulus, MI 48174

The cookbook will be ready for distribution by December 2.

District To Host Sex Education Program

Romulus Community Schools and the Healthy Living Initiative will present "Sex Education: What Parents Need To Know" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, in the High School's north-wing auditorium. The two-hour workshop for parents of children ages 10 to 18:

- emphasizes the importance of the parent in shaping youths' sexual beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors;
- considers media influences on adolescents today;
- examines data on the sexual activity of Michigan teens; and
- assists parents in building a partnership with the school to provide an effective program to meet the needs of students. □

Romulus Pumpkin Festival Was a Big Hit



Local senior citizens and their grandchildren were all smiles as they prepared to take part in the Parade of Lights, which kicked off the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival.

The sixth annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, held the weekend of September 20–22, was another big success.

Despite damp weather, a crowd of onlookers came out Friday evening to watch the festival's kickoff event – the fourth annual Parade of Lights. Umbrellas in hand, they "ooh-ed" and "ahh-ed" as dozens of brilliantly lit floats and other vehicles made their way from the City Hall parking lot through the downtown area. (See page 3 for photos.)

The remainder of the weekend was just as enjoyable, as area residents came out in droves to take in the sights and sounds of the annual street fair and experience its savor. There was plenty of friendly competition, too, as people of all ages took part in contests for seed-spitting, pie-eating, and more.

The following is a list of the winners.

Shoe Races

Joshua Chapman (preschool), Abigail Arnett (age 5), Andrew Burcroff (ages 6 to 7), Sara Watson (ages 8 to 9), Ronnie Leland (ages 10 to 11), and Elise Arnett (grand finale).

Sack Races

Zachary Dague (ages 2 to 3), Abigail Arnett (ages 4 to 5), Matthew Eldridge (age 6), Tyler Robbins (age 7), James Chapman (age 8), Cassandra Downing (age 9), Sheila Watts (age 10), Candice Downing (age 11), Marten Griffin (age 12), and Jessica Modrzynski (ages 13+).

Hay-rolling Contests

Zachary Dague (ages 2 to 3), Kendra Thomas (ages 4 to 5), Timmy Steinhart (age 6), Kaitlyn Long (age 7), Dean Caldwell (age 8), Cassandra Downing (age 9), Evan Yokum (age 10), Andre Simmons (age 11), Diondre Thomas (ages 11 to 12), and Joslyn Barnes (ages 13+).

Pumpkin-rolling Contests

Mackenzie Laskaska (age 2), Jacob Gagne (age 3), McKenzie Shaw (age 4), Dylan Morrow (age 5), Matthew Eldridge (age 6), Tyler Robbins (age 7), Sara Watson (age 8), Sarah Orr (age 9), Evan Yokum (age 10), David Forbush (age 11), and Randy Shaw (ages 12+).

Pumpkin-growing Contest

Jeff and Geoffery Bird (largest).

Sunflower-growing Contest

Holly Schonscheck (tallest/largest).

Seed-spitting Contests

Holly Adams (ages 5 to 6), Benjamin Satterlee (age 7), Cal Jesko (age 8), Jimmie Sudduth (age 9), Ronnie Leland (age 10), Adam Hammond (age 11), Donald Modrzynski (age 12), and Jessica Modrzynski (ages 15+).

Pie-eating Contests

Joshua Chapman (preschool), Matthew Eldridge (age 6), James Chapman (ages 7 to 8), Ronnie Leland (ages 9 to 10), Cordero Jones (ages 11 to 12), Gavin Hulet (ages 13 to 16), and Jason Cook (ages 17+).

Pie-baking Contests

Wilhelmina Gadison (apple pie, sweet potato pie) and Theresa Golembiewski (pumpkin pie).

Canning Contests

Jim and Sandy Chapman (grape jam; tomato juice), Linda Kilgore (carrots; chow-chow), Celeste Roscoe (applesauce; beets), and Katrina Whitehall (chili sauce; green beans; sweet pickle relish). □

Letters to the Editor

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Local EMTs Thanked

To the Editor:

When you're a 70-year-old woman with emphysema, a respiratory infection is no laughing matter.

Last week, a simple cold left me unable to breathe. When my grandson called 9-1-1, EMTs Kim Wilson and Kevin Krause were at my door within three minutes. They were models of kindness and efficiency as they examined me, took my medical history, and got me out to the ambulance. I want to compliment them on their professionalism and acknowledge my gratitude to them.

The people of Romulus are in good hands.

Sincerely,
Dolores A. Witzgall
Romulus

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To the Editor:

I have found it necessary to "put pen to paper" once again.

After reading an article that appeared in the Sunday, September 8 business section of the *Detroit News*. I felt a sense of pride that businessmen are starting to look at Romulus as a place for growth. The fact that Mr. Frank Stronach [a Canadian industrialist who is also the head of Magna Entertainment Corp.,

the group seeking to bring horseracing to Romulus] would look to Romulus for a new entertainment venue actually made me feel proud that I live in a city with such growth potential. I thought to myself, issues that were prudent during the election year are finally being looked at. Then I reread an article in *The Romulus Roman* (in order to refresh my memory) which stated that Mayor Alan Lambert has decided to fight such an action.

This is where I must truly ask, is the mayor of this town interested in the growth of Romulus, or in furthering his own private agenda for this city? The article shows preliminary plans not only to have the gambling of a traditional horseracing venue, but also to expand into shopping and dining venues. I find that the revenues such a venue has the potential to create will bring tremendous benefits to the city. Issues have been discussed concerning city funding for public relations, the fire department, the police department, and public safety. This is where additional revenues generated by such a facility would be very beneficial.

Not only would this have an impact on our city's tax revenues, but tourism would see a tremendous increase through such venues, which would create more revenue for our local businesses. In 1998, Ladbroke DRC closed its doors forever. It would be interesting to see what the increased tourism to that area was before Ladbroke closed. I truly believe that, as long as such an entertainment venue was maintained properly, it would be nothing but beneficial to our community. Currently, no other venue of this nature exists in the area.

Romulus now has an opportunity to make a productive step in growth. That will benefit all involved. I want the people of this city to think of what would happen if potential investors saw an industrialist such as Frank Stronach beginning to take interest in Romulus. Is it not conceivable that many would follow?

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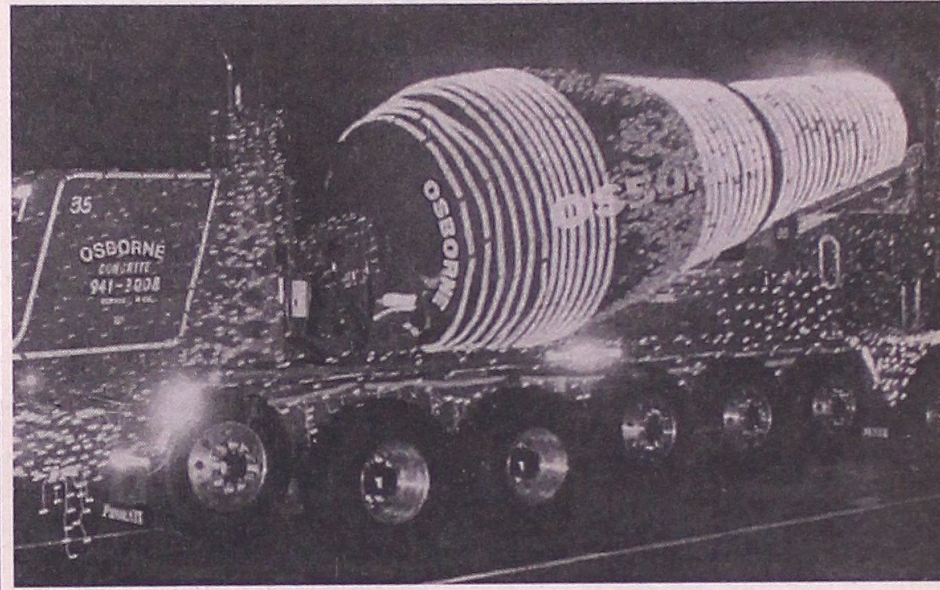
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Parade of Lights



Area residents didn't let a little rain stop them from enjoying the fourth annual Parade of Lights. They came in droves, umbrellas in hand.



Osborne Concrete Company, Inc., took first place in the commercial division.



Winning the noncommercial prize was the Girl Scouts Service Unit of Romulus.



The Cruiser Club was the winner of the division for nonmotorized parade entries.



Among the dozens of other entries in the Parade of Lights, which kicked off the sixth annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival on September 20, was this colorful vehicle done by Outdoor Experts of Romulus.

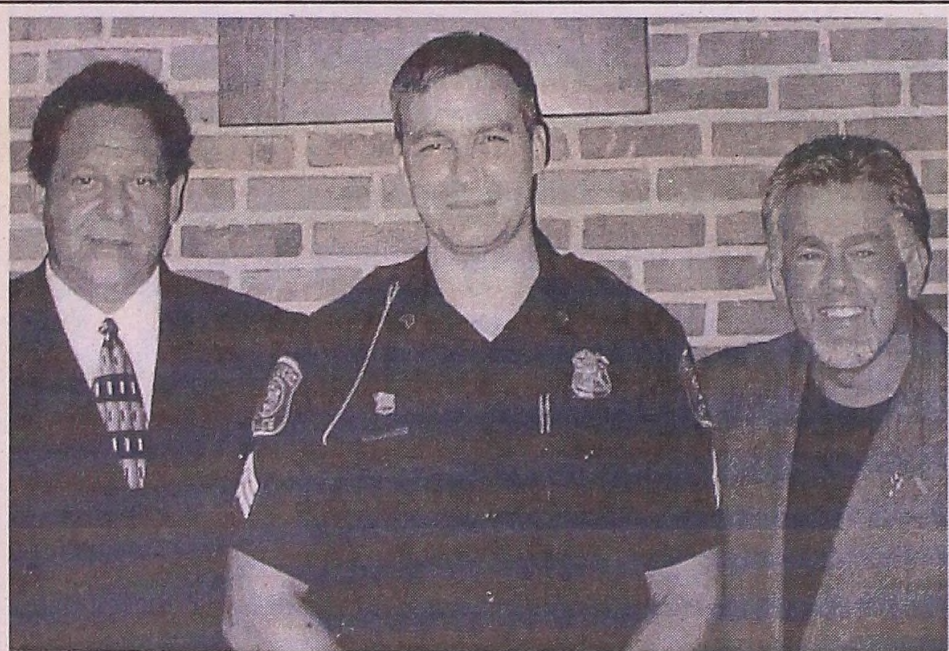


Judging this year's parade were (from left) Rev. William Kren (Community United Methodist Church), Kurt Johnston (Johnston Lithograph, Inc.), and Diane Burton (Countrywood Florist).

Recent Promotions



Director of Public Safety Charles Kirby (left) and Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) congratulated three officers from the Romulus Police Department on their recent promotions. They are: Sergeant Jeff Lazarski ...



... Sergeant Duane Smith ...



... and Sergeant Cliff West.

Halecreek Hosts Ice-cream Social



Samantha Stobbe attended Halecreek Elementary's recent Ice-cream Social with her dad and her brother Kevin. Over 300 children, parents, and staff took part in the event.

Contest Solicits Children's Input for Mayor's Holiday Card

In an effort to create new excitement for the time-honored tradition of an official mayor's holiday card, Mayor Alan R. Lambert has announced the kickoff of the first-ever "Mayor's Holiday Card Design Contest for Kids." The contest is open to all Romulus-area children between the ages of five and twelve.

"Ten finalists will be chosen from all entries," said Lambert, "and those ten finalists will have their art displayed for public viewing at City Hall for two weeks. After the public viewing, a selection committee made up of local elected officials will choose an overall winner."

"The winner will also receive special recognition from the mayor and city council, and a \$50 gift certificate to Toys R Us – just in time for the holidays," added Steve Jones, Director of Public Relations for the City of Romulus.

Lambert sees the contest as a chance to exhibit the abilities of the city's youth.

"If you saw the original art by Kimberly Usztics, which was used for the cover of this year's Pumpkin Festival program, you know we have very talented young artists in the community," said Lambert. "The holiday card contest is an opportunity to showcase more of that talent."

Entries for the contest will be accepted from Monday, October 7, through Friday, November 1, 2002. The ten finalists will be selected the first week of November, and their art will be on display at City Hall from Monday, November 4, through Friday, November 15, during normal business hours.

"We're excited to see what the kids

come up with," the mayor said. "We can have only one overall winner, but every kid who puts his or her imagination to work and enters the contest is a winner in my book."

The following rules apply:

- The contest is open to all Romulus kids between the ages of five and twelve.
- Ten finalists will be chosen.
- One winner will be selected from the ten finalists.
- All submissions must be original, hand-rendered art. No photography, computer art montages, or uses of computer software clip-art will be eligible.
- Submissions must be no larger than 11"x14" and no smaller than 8"x10".
- Submissions must be mailed or hand-delivered to Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, c/o Steve Jones, no later than 5:00 p.m. November 1.
- Entries are limited to one submission per child.
- All submissions must include the child's name, age, address, and phone number on the back. Submissions without this information will not be considered.
- All submissions become the sole property of the City of Romulus and cannot be returned. (It is suggested that entrants photograph or photocopy their submissions before mailing them or hand-delivering them.)
- The winning entrant will receive one \$50 gift certificate from Toys R Us. Gift certificate is not redeemable for cash or transferable. □

49 RHS Class of 2002 Students Win \$2,500 MEAP Merit Scholarships

Romulus High School principal Dan Hurst was pleased to announce that 49 members of the Class of 2002 have earned \$2,500 Merit Scholarships based on their performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

"The total value of these prestigious scholarships was \$122,500," noted Hurst. "They will help many of our students continue their education at the college level."

In order to earn a scholarship, a student must score in Level I ("exceeds Michigan standards") or Level II ("meets Michigan standards") in the math, science, reading, and writing sections of the MEAP.

The scholarship program is administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Scholarship winners from Romulus High School's Class of 2002 were:

Krista Alley, Richard Amolsch, Amber Barnes, Amanda Bassett, Chrystal Blair, Amy Bowman, Rachel Broom, Elizabeth Caburet, Jennifer Camilleri, Kelly Carroll, Roger Chapman, Jenny Cornelius, Leah Cotham, Kara Coughlin, Joshua Cutliff, Courtney Daniels, Richard Davidson, Brandon Demoisey, Stephanie Durka, Crystal Flood, Carly Gentile, Andrea Gibson, Jerome Gray, Brandon Hicks, Frederick Hubbard, Deana Hunter, Amber Keely, Katherine Kortas, Brandon Malott, Jasmine Mark, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Donald Mongrain, Christopher Moore, Devon Mootry, Sean Mullins, Michael Murphy, Rubens Paillere, Asia Pankey, Stephen Potoczek, Antionette Price, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Nicolas Smith, Teri Speer, Melissa Thornton, Christina Tieppo, Ray Woodrow, and Chianta Wyatt. □

Parent Involvement Increases

One of the Romulus Board of Education's six districtwide initiatives concerns parent involvement in the schools. Cory Elementary School principal Phyllis Adkins, who is also the district's parent involvement leader, reported a sharp increase in the number of volunteers, the hours of help that they donated, and the number of parents who signed the parent/student/school compact during the 2001-2002 school year.

"The continued increase in parent involvement is certainly a big positive for

the Romulus Community Schools, and is a sign of good things to come in the future," said Adkins.

The figures show:

Number of Volunteers

- 2000: 1,209
- 2001: 1,458

Hours of Service

- 2000: 6,507
- 2001: 8,651

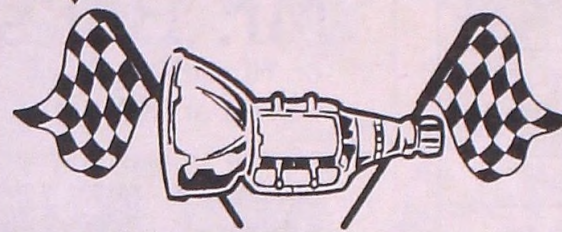
Compact Signatures

- 2000: 2,247
- 2001: 2,831.



District staff members and parent coordinators from the 2001-2002 school year helped to make a very informative presentation to the Romulus Board of Education. They included (from left): front - Sally Berger (social worker, Cory Elementary), Janice Barden (coordinator, Cory), Vikki Hicks (coordinator, Romulus Elementary), and Wendy Blohm (learning specialist, Cory); back - Sharon Mitchell (coordinator, Merriman Elementary), Kris Moffat (coordinator, Romulus High School), Marilyn Wasson (coordinator, RHS), Phyllis Adkins (parent involvement leader/principal, Cory), Barbara Ann Snyder (coordinator, Barth Elementary), and Frank Rigger (director, Boys & Girls Club of Romulus).

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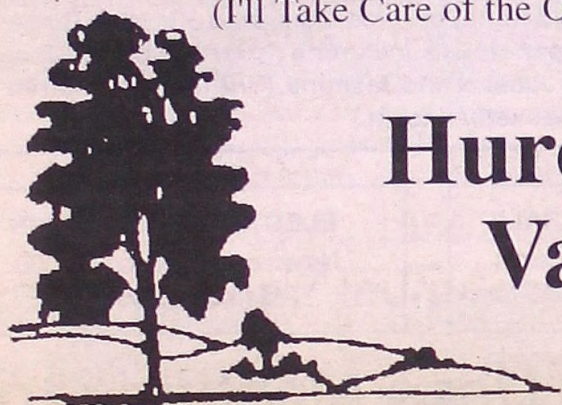


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Learning Buddies



Halecreek sixth-grader Olivia Boler (center) reads for 30 minutes each week with kindergartners Shelby Mitchell (left) and Lyric Harris as part of the school's Book Buddies program.



The older students – like Michal Issacs – benefit from the opportunity to practice and strengthen their oral reading skills, while the younger ones – like Robert Lands – reinforce their basic reading strategies and their listening and comprehension skills.



For older students like Andreas Tatum, reading to younger students like Dakota Tarczynski is an enjoyable experience because it makes them feel good to do something that benefits others. They see the school service project as a way to be a part of a community of learners who help and care about each other.

Annual Belleville–Romulus CROP Walk Benefits Hungry



The 20th Annual Belleville–Romulus CROP Walk promises to be another successful event, thanks to the good hearts and hard work of many.

On Sunday, October 6, more than 300 area residents will help alleviate hunger – both here and throughout the world – by taking part in the 20th Annual Belleville–Romulus CROP Walk. Walkers will gather at the Community United Methodist Church in downtown Romulus, then begin their 10-kilometer trek to Van Buren Township's Trinity Episcopal Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Each of the walkers will have sought out donations and pledges, with hopes of raising over \$35,000.

Last year, 417 people from 10 area churches participated in the CROP Walk, raising more than \$38,700. One-fourth of the money went to support the local battle against hunger through donations to the Belleville Emergency Food Closet, the Food Pantry–Belleville, St. Vincent de Paul–Belleville/Romulus, and the Helping Hand of Romulus. The remainder was used to fight hunger throughout the United States and abroad.

"It is not surprising to witness this kind of support for the walk," said Gail Bentley, CROP Walk Treasurer for 2002's Belleville–Romulus event. "Even after September 11, our walkers were not discouraged, but rather strengthened and empowered to meet this challenge."

In 2001, there were over 140 CROP

Walks in Michigan, with the Belleville–Romulus Walk being the third largest in terms of funds raised in the Metro Detroit area. Each year, the Belleville–Romulus Walk continues to grow.

"It takes commitment and hard work on the part of the churches, recruiters, and congregations," said Hanna Anthony, coordinator of this year's Walk. "Their efforts are greatly appreciated."

In order to make the Walk as safe as possible, officers from the Van Buren and Romulus police departments patrol the event each year. Last year's Walk also received assistance from the Belleville Police Department as well as Huron Metro Parks officers. Walk marshals will be posted on every corner, and "pick-up" drivers will check on walkers who may be tired and blistered. A special "golden mile" (one mile) will be marked off for those who cannot walk the entire distance.

At Walk's end, walkers will be greeted with applause and refreshments.

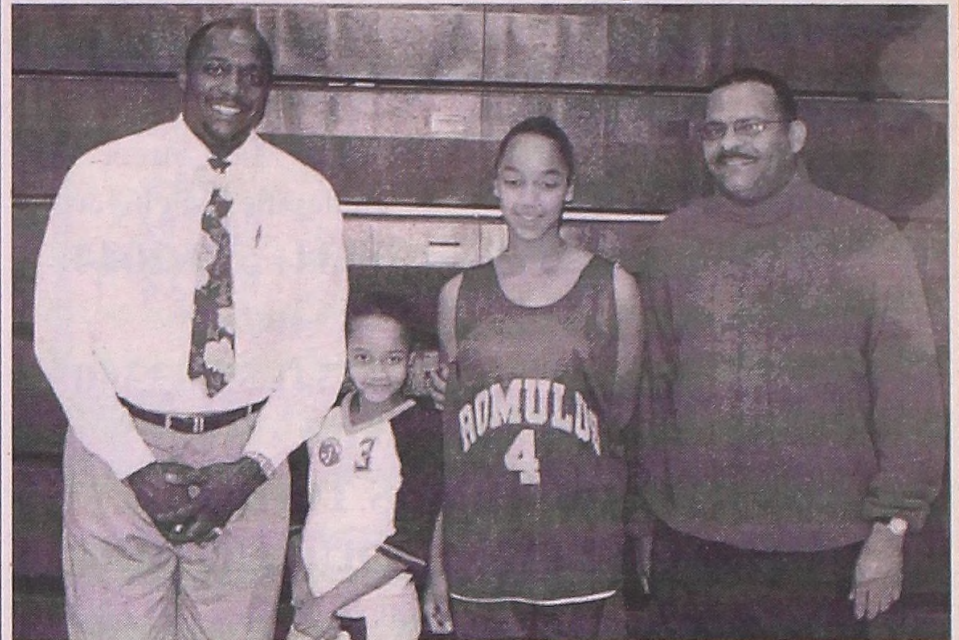
Again this year, Boy Scout Troop #872 of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus will volunteer assistance with serving and cleanup.

"They're a special group of kids who are eager to be of service to the community," stated Bea Shepard, head recruiter for St. Aloysius.

The Belleville–Romulus CROP Walk is the only activity that can boast the participation of so many local churches each year. This year, they include: Belleville Church of God, Belleville Presbyterian, Faith United Methodist, First United Methodist, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Anthony's Catholic – all of Belleville – along with Community United Methodist, St. Aloysius Catholic, Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist of Sumpter, and the newest member, Belleville Church of God Mount Assembly.

For more information on how you can walk or otherwise contribute to this worthy cause, call Hanna Anthony at 734-699-3361. □

Middle School Hosts "Open House"



Social worker Ron Mayfield (right) greeted many who attended Romulus Middle School's recent Open House, including (from left) parent Joseph Brown and his daughters, Jessica and Jasmine. (The latter is a starter on the seventh-grade girls' basketball team.)

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Merriman Uses Meetings to Create Positive School Climate

Merriman Elementary School principal Shellie Moore has developed a program of weekly classroom meetings to help create a positive school climate. The sessions are part of a larger overall program for the school that also includes "peer mentoring" and after-school programs on anger management.

"The meetings start out with building school spirit and show students how to work together as they build a school-

community type of atmosphere," Moore explained. "The first set of sessions will work on problem-solving and building self-esteem, and will also feature special class projects."

Moore further detailed how all staff members are involved in the class meetings, adding that they will eventually move into a set of classes which will emphasize the statewide "no bullying" program. □



Shellie Moore (back, right), principal of the Golden Apple Award-winning Merriman Elementary School, looked on as fourth-grade teacher Karen Fitch (center) guided her students through a "web" experiment. The exercise, involving the use of a ball of yarn, showed students how to work together.

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At "Open House"



Guests at Barth Elementary's recent Open House included (from left) Cindi Koester and her daughter Katie Koester, as well as Paige Coon, Barth parent/Wick Elementary teacher Tavia Redmond, and her son Anthony Redmond.



Principal Phyllis Adkins (back) greeted attendees at Cory Elementary's Open House, including (from left) Lynn Sears and daughter Amber Sears, Sherry Sloan and daughter Kierstyn Slatinsky, and Rebecca Wiggins and daughter Trinity Nelson – all winners of a \$100 shopping spree at Borders.



Kindergarten student Measha Diebel really liked reading her journal to her mother, Wendy Diebel, during Halecreek Elementary's Open House program.



Merriman Elementary principal Shellie Moore (back, right) greeted Open House participant Nicole Green and her children, (from left) Tiara, Deshawn, and Valdez Green.



Romulus Elementary's Open House was enjoyed by (from left): front – Andrew, Shelbie, and Brittany Keese; back – Brian and Barbara Keese, Kim McLaughlin, Lesa Brown, and new first-grade teacher Debra Brubaker.



Wick Elementary kindergartner Christina Wells got a kick out of showing off her classroom to her mother, Norene Tucker, during her school's Open House.

2002 HOMECOMING



Good Luck, Eagles!

Romulus Community Schools
Board of Education and Staff



Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 4th • 5 p.m.

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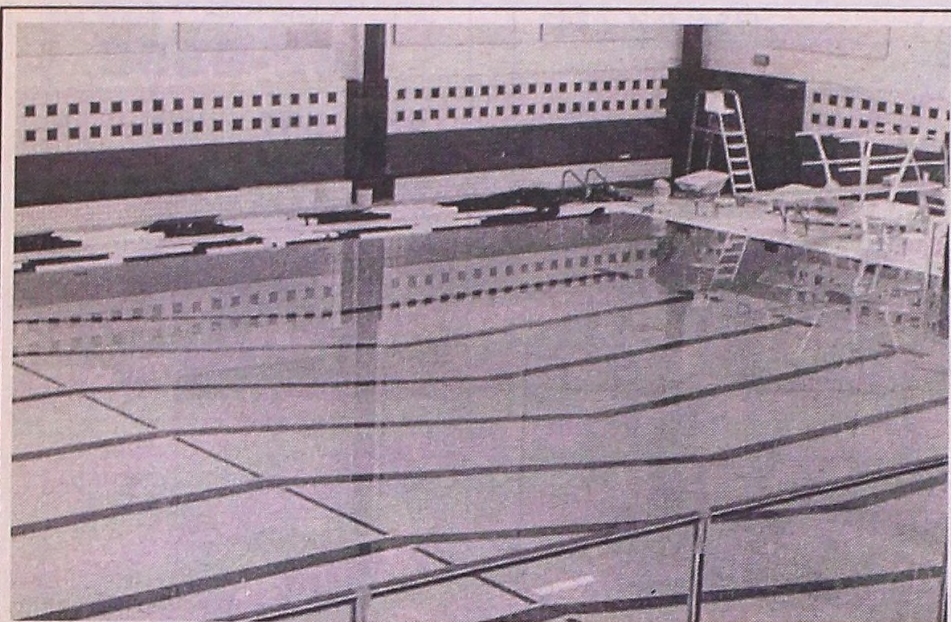
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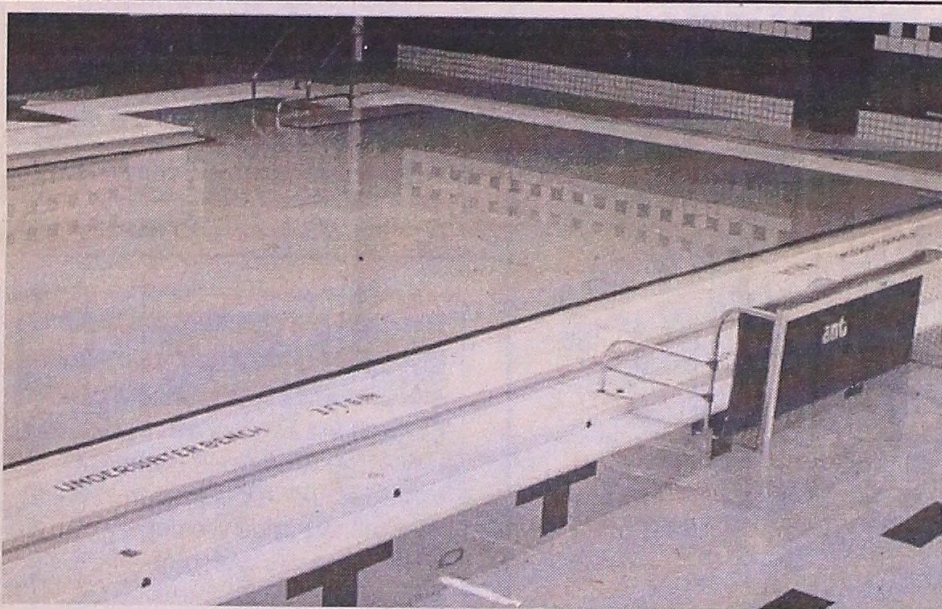
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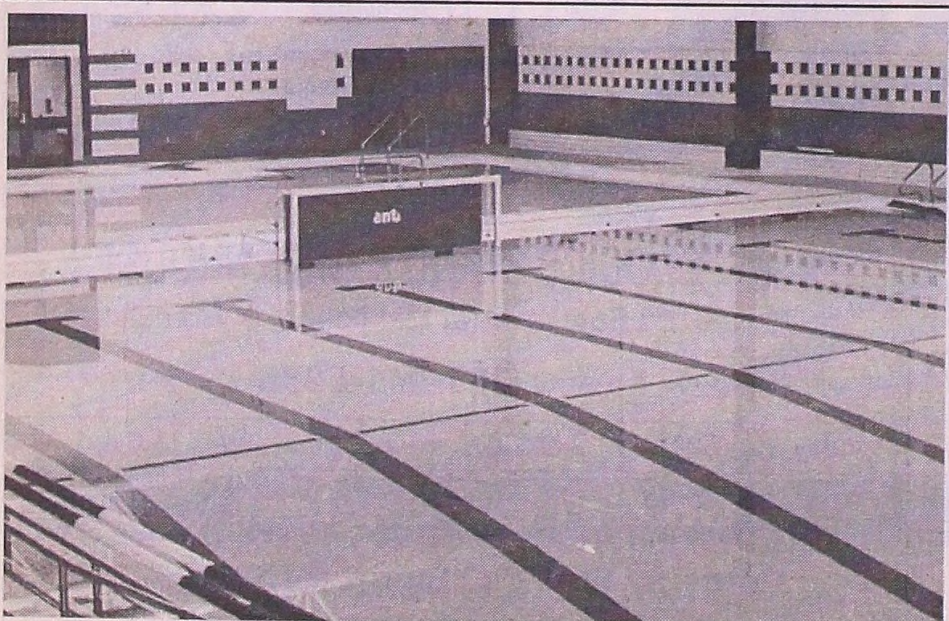
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The new swimming complex at Romulus High School is very nearly complete. Shown here, for instance, is the final stage of work on one of two diving boards and starting stations (back right).



The training pool will be able to accommodate elementary classes for special swimming instruction throughout the school year.



Water polo goals will also be available, as shown in this view, which includes part of the training pool. Both pools have already been filled with water.

Community Calendar

- **Giant Flea Market** – Bethlehem Temple of Inkster (located at 26100 Annapolis) invites the public to attend its giant flea market, open Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Besides a truly enormous variety of goods for sale, the event will feature food, pony rides, and a prize giveaway.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Luncheon, Dinner, Craft Show** – In conjunction with Huron Township's Applefest weekend, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a soup/dessert luncheon on Saturday, October 5, from 11:30 a.m. until sold out, and a chicken dinner on Sunday, October 6, from noon until sold out. The Church will also conduct its annual rummage sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. All are welcome.
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to take part in a free, one-day workshop called **Winterizing Roses**. Those interested in attending may choose from the following dates/times: Sunday, October 6, at 1 p.m.; Monday, October 7, at 11 a.m.; Sunday, October 13, at 1 p.m.; and Monday, October 14, at 11 a.m. Participants are urged to dress for the weather! No reservation is necessary. For more information, call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com).
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Bluegrass Show** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host the first in a series of bluegrass shows at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Friday, October 11, from 7 to 11 p.m. Featured artist will be the Grass Lake Band. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Halloween Festival** – Wayne County's Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Halloween Festival at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at the Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area in Westland. The free event will feature games, entertainment, hayrides, candy, and fun. For more information about this or other County recreation events, call the hotline: 734-261-1990.
- **Immunization Clinics at RAHC** – Romulus Community Schools nurse Laura Ralko is reminding district parents that sixth-graders will be required to have their health records reassessed and could require additional vaccinations in order to meet the stringent new Michigan Department of Health regulations. To help parents comply with this and other immunization requirements, the district is scheduling a number of clinics at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, located in Romulus High School. The clinics will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 24. Note: this year's district-wide "exclusion date" is October 23.
- **Citywide Baby Shower** – On Saturday, October 26, students from Romulus High School's parenting class will, under the direction of teacher Phyllis Wilkerson, host a citywide baby shower to benefit the Helping Hand Thrift Shop – a local agency that provides for needy newborns. The baby shower will be held at the High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local residents are urged to attend the event, which will feature a light luncheon, educational materials, games, and door prizes. Attendees should bring one new, unwrapped baby item to be donated to the Helping Hand. To make your reservation, contact Kathy Hurst, Service Learning Coordinator, at the High School (734-532-1016). Deadline for registration is Monday, October 21.
- **Board of Education to Meet at Romulus Elementary** – In keeping with its decision to take half of its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its October 28 meeting at Romulus Elementary School. Among the agenda items will be a presentation on technology, conducted by Linda Cook and Diane Golka. Start time is 6:30 p.m.
- **Students Host Blood Drive** – Second-year health-occupations students at Romulus High School are organizing a blood drive with the American Red Cross, and have established a goal of 65 pints of blood. To help them meet that goal, they are asking members of the community to take part in the event, which will be held at the High School on Friday, November 1. To make an appointment, pick up a donation card in the High School attendance office or contact health-occupations teacher Terri Brinston (734-532-1112).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907.

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RHS Sports



Romulus Middle School's head football coach, Thom Patterson (right), and his assistant coach, Michael Jones (left), had their seventh graders (from left: Eric Berger, Donzell Carter, Marwin Boyd, and Kevin Holmes) dressed up for game day and the season opener against Redford Pierce. The Bulldogs won the game, 26-13.



Also pictured with Patterson and Jones (who is also the Middle School's police liaison, and who donated \$200 to the team on behalf of the Romulus Police Officers Association) were (from left) Michael Curry, Evans Paillere, Shawn Ivory, Carl Roscoe, and Cameron Jackson.

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The boys' cross-country team at Romulus High School includes (from left): front – Josh Zirkle, Jacob Schaffer, Jeremiah Hudson, Anthony Glimps, and David Rogala; back – Ron Buckley, Richard Davis, Darnell Anderson, and Adrian Simmons. The team moved up to the Mega Blue Division after winning the Gold Division last year.

Recreation News

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Romulus Recreation Department's always popular Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance will be held in the Romulus High School cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16.

A cost of \$7 per couple (plus \$2 per additional daughter) covers dancing, refreshments, a flower for each daughter, and one picture. Tickets (cash only, please) must be purchased in advance at the Recreation Center by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 14. *No tickets will be sold at the door.*

Basketball Clinic

The Recreation Department will conduct a basketball clinic for boys and girls (grades three through eight) at Romulus High School on Saturday, October 19, from 9 to 12 p.m. Cost is \$5 per child. Deadline for registration is Friday, October 11.

After-school Dance

The Recreation Department's "after-school dance, ballet & jazz" program for ages 5 through 12 will be held at Halecreek Elementary School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 7 and continuing through October 30.

Cost is \$60 for the session. Register by October 4.

Clogging

Ages 7 through adult are invited to take part in an upcoming clogging program, to be held at the Recreation Center each Saturday from October 5 through December 21 according to the following schedule:

- beginners: 1 to 2 p.m.
- intermediate: 2 to 3 p.m.
- advanced: 3 to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per session.

Tae Kwon Do

A "tae kwon do" program for students ages 5 and up will be held at the Recreation Center from 1 to 2 p.m. each Saturday from October 5 through December 21. This fun and exciting program will stress a number of concepts, including: self-defense, self-esteem, self-respect/respect for others, self-discipline, patience, improved concentration, stress relief, physical fitness, and flexibility/coordination.

Cost for the session is \$30.

Drop-in Basketball

Romulus residents (proper ID required) are invited to drop in for open basketball at Romulus Middle School on Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Ceramics

Preregistration is not required for the Recreation Department's ongoing ceramics program, which meets at the Recreation Center on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. (senior citizens) and again from 6 to 9 p.m. (all ages). Cost is \$1 per class for the daytime program; \$1.50 for evening sessions.

Quilting

The Recreation Department's year-round quilting program meets at the Recreation Center on Thursdays at 6 p.m. No preregistration is required for this free program. □

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 9, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed all Board members were present. All administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McCraight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/02/1 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/02/2 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Wesley Faulkner, 6th-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary, Effective August 26, 2002; ShaVonna Johnson, 4th-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective August 26, 2002; and Connie Garza, 1st-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary, Effective August 26, 2002.

9/02/3 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Phyllis Williams, Kindergarten Teacher, Halecreek Elementary & Merriman Elementary, Effective September 3, 2002.

9/02/4 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the resignation of personnel as presented by Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Joann Bjork, Media Technician, Wick Elementary, Effective August 28, 2002; Dianne Miller, Cafeteria I, Senior High School, Effective August 26, 2002; and Cheryl Smith-Tasca, Media Technician, Effective August 26, 2002.

Bills for Payment

9/02/5 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation - Parent/Student/School Compact

Ms. Phyllis Adkins, Ms. Wendy Blohm, Ms. Sandy Berger, Mr. Frank Rigger, and parent coordinators appeared before the Board of Education with regard to the Parent/Student/School Compact and goals for the 2002-2003 school year.

School Bus Purchase

9/02/6 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve Capitol City Bus Sales for their bid of \$58,377 per bus for the purchase of twelve (12) 65-passenger school buses for a total bid of \$700,524.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report on School Openings - Counts, etc.

Superintendent Joel R. Carr reported on excellent school openings at all buildings and provided the Board with a copy of Building Enrollment Counts to date.

Purchase of Barth Playground Equipment Installation

9/02/7 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve that Continental Leisure be awarded the Barth Playground Equipment and installation for \$50,000.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Thank You - Tuscola Intermediate

Superintendent Joel R. Carr read aloud a communication received from Tuscola Intermediate thanking Romulus Schools for sharing an inservice on the FISH Philosophy in education with their staff.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Tim Chamness and Mr. Pete Pizzimenti, Midwest Transit, appeared before the Board of Education regarding buses.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Confirmation of Voting Delegates - MASB; (2) Homecoming - Memo - Jason Kahler; (3) Wick Newsletter; (4) Halecreek Newsletter; and (5) Thank You - Richard Coate - Dan Bennett.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

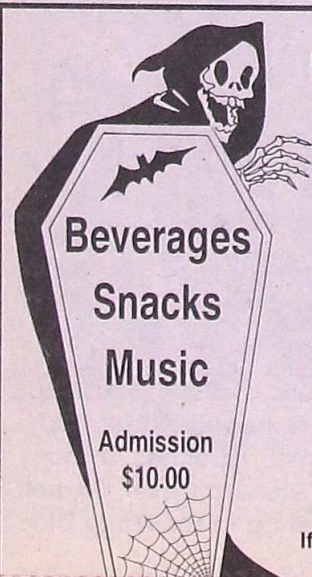
Mrs. Betty Lenossi commented on the High School landscaping looking good. Mrs. Cheryl Buckley commented on the Soccer Field at Senior Citizens. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe commented on the good crowd at the football game. She further questioned when the district discontinued student discounts, which is being looked into by the administration. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz questioned whether the Middle School Band was set for the Parade for Pumpkin Festival. He also informed the Board that he had attended a Wayne-Westland Board meeting wherein audience participation was placed early on the agenda. Mr. Mientkiewicz further addressed concern over colors of all uniforms, which are to be maroon and white. Mr. Billy McCraight addressed the condition of ceiling tiles at Wick Elementary. Mrs. April Frayer questioned when Board Meetings would be appearing on cable. Mrs. Frayer further informed the Board that the Policy Committee was reviewing policies, which may be presented at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/02/8 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
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Local Seniors "Fish!"



"Fishette" Ellen Bragg sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" to local senior citizens and thanked them for providing a solid base for education in our city during the Romulus Community Schools' recent *Fish!* motivational program at the Romulus Senior Center.



Among those working on the "Have Fun" aspect of the *Fish!* philosophy – which also includes such tenets as "Choose Your Attitude," "Be Present," and "Make Someone's Day" – were (from left) Diane Poet, Sheila Stewart, Alice Gilbert, Laura Singleton, Sharon Gurner, and Gayle Mach.



Joining with the group to sing "Born in the USA" were (from left) Betty Pressler, Bob Pressler, Vi Willoughby, and Jackie Pregler.



(From left) Ruth Miller, Arlene Ellis, Bobby Underwood, and Dorothy Noland were among those who enjoyed the *Fish!* luncheon.



The school district's "Fishettes" – including Ellen Bragg (right) – made (from left) Herb Buckley, Jim Crova, and Howard Miller the objects of their "Make Someone's Day" principle.



Also enjoying the *Fish!* program were (from left) Barb Gillingham, Mary Ann Ryznar, Sheila Stewart, Pauline Hargis, Sylvia Dubisky, Theresa Golembiewski, Jan Conrad, and Michal Walker.

**CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 02/03-16
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(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2002. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

**CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 02/03-16 - Elected Officials Composite Photo
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(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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**CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 02/03-26
Three (3) One Ton Dump Trucks**

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BID 02/03-27
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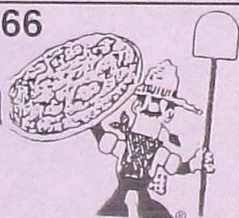
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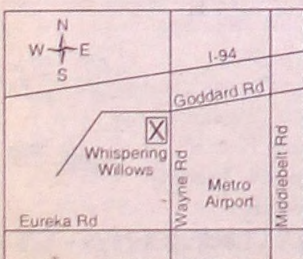
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Flu Shots

The Medical Team will be at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, October 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. to administer flu shots. There is no cost to Medicare A & B subscribers age 65 and older; all others will pay just \$15.

To help ensure that enough serum will be available for everyone, preregistration is required.

Get Your Blood Pressure Tested; Feet Checked

There is no out-of-pocket expense to have your blood pressure checked and/or your feet examined at the Center on Wednesday, October 9, at 9 a.m. If you plan to attend, please give the Center advance notice to ensure that the program is not cancelled due to lack of interest.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to join the "Romulus Pride" team for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Belle Isle on Saturday, October 12. A van will depart from the Center at 7:30 a.m.

Walkers need not complete the entire five-mile course, as a van will be available to pick up those who wish to stop and go back.

All money collected from donations will be used for cancer research.

Preregistration (at the Center) is required.

(Note: Team shirts bearing the "Romulus Pride" name will be available for sale.)

Intergenerational Program

Romulus Middle School is looking for 15 local senior citizens willing to make themselves available for a brief (30-minute) interview with students who will be writing papers based on the interviews. To register for this worthwhile program, which will help our young people develop their communication and writing skills, contact the Center.

Bowlers Needed

The Senior Center's Monday-morning bowling league is in need of bowlers and substitutes. For more information, contact Mary at 734-721-3708.

Victorian Tea

The Romulus Senior Center has planned a Victorian tea for Friday, October 18. Seniors are invited to bring their favorite teacup and/or teapot, along with their favorite hat (for a contest with prizes for the most elegant, most colorful, and funniest), and enjoy an elegant afternoon of cocktail sandwiches, tea cakes, gelatin, and desserts – plus a generous helping of genteel conversation.

Cost is only \$4 per person, with rebates of 50¢ for wearing a hat and 25¢ for bringing a teapot. Preregister by Tuesday, October 15.

Halloween Party

The Senior Center's annual Halloween party will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 25. The devilishly delicious menu will include monster meatballs, spooky spuds, vampire veggies, ghoulish gelatin, and witch's brew. Special attractions will include a hayride, magic show, and costume contest, with competition in the categories of most colorful, funniest, and favorite character (must be a costume; dressing as yourself doesn't count!).

Cost for the event is \$5.50 per person. Costume-clad seniors will receive a \$1.50 rebate. Preregister at the Center.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, October 21, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
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BID 02/03-28

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BID 02/03-28 - Fourteen (14) Passenger Van
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Call 734-942-7589. □

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CITY OF ROMULUS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921 as amended (City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2002, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing will be held at Romulus City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider amending **Article IV, Section 4.21, General Provisions, Permitted Uses**, for the purpose of providing procedures and standards for uses which are not expressly permitted in any zoning district or at any location within the City. A copy of the amendment in its entirety is available during normal business hours in the Planning Office located at City Hall.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted until 12:00 noon Thursday, October 24, 2002 and should be addressed to the City Planner, Economic Development Department, at the address above.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City of Romulus, Michigan

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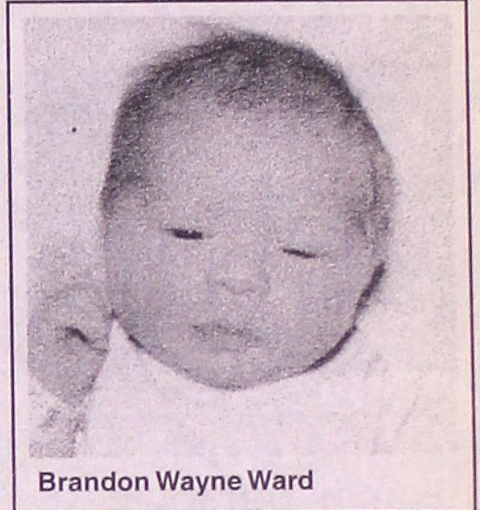
Brandon Wayne Ward

Eric and Sarah Ward of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Brandon Wayne Ward.

Brandon was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 3:03 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2002, weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 18 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big brother, Zachary (age 3 1/2), and his big sister, Kara (1).

Also giving Brandon a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Rick and Carol Ward (Romulus), and his maternal grandparents, Jack and Mary Dupuie (Carleton, MI). □



Brandon Wayne Ward

Obituaries

Jay Alan Grzesik

Jay Alan Grzesik of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at the age of 36.

Jay - born in Wayne, Michigan, on June 29, 1966 - graduated from Huron High School in 1984. The former member of the Huron Sportsmen's Club also coached youth baseball, soccer, and sansoo martial arts.

Among those surviving Jay are his son, Nicholas A. Grzesik (New Boston, MI); his daughter, Makayla M. Grzesik

(New Boston); his father, Ronald Grzesik (Sumpter Township, MI); his mother, Carole (Gary Bastien) Clasen (Romulus); his brother, David T. Grzesik (Romulus); and his maternal grandfather, Charles J. Hiveley (Romulus).

A funeral service was held on September 27 at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Crane, as well.

Roger A. Spitza

Roger A. Spitza of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, September 26, 2002. He was 62 years old.

Roger - a native of Detroit, Michigan - was born on August 2, 1940. The Chrysler Corporation truck driver was a member of Teamsters Local #299. He was an avid bowler and golfer, and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and boating.

Roger's survivors include his wife, Marlene (Swift) Spitza; a son, David

Spitza (Romulus); a daughter, Suzanne (Lawrence) McLaughlin (Belleville, MI); a sister, Judith (Richard) Sameck (Plymouth, MI); and two grandchildren, Haillie and Kelsie.

A funeral mass was held on September 28 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Geraldine Westbay

Geraldine Westbay of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, September 16, 2002, at the age of 85.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Geraldine was born on October 1, 1916. She worked as a foster grandparent for the Wayne County Independence Agency, and served as secretary for the Romulus Tower senior club.

Her survivors include two daughters, Lois Jones and Pat (David) Rennie; a brother; two sisters; three grandchildren, Karen (Russell) Bondy, Gregory

(Marie) Rennie, and Jeffrey (Paula) Jones; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were her first and second husbands, Simeon Taylor and Edwin Westbay, as well as one grandson, John Jones.

A funeral service was held on September 19 at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. □

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